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TO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652' GDS

TAGS: CI, BOL, PE, PFOR, PBOR

SUBJECT: BOLIVIA'S OUTLET TO THE SEA

REF: LA PAZ 9018

1. BEFORE REACTING TO PROPOSALS SET FORTH IN REFTTEL, SEVERAL QUESTIONS COME TO MIND.
2. ONE IS WHETHER WE CAN EFFECTIVELY TAKE AN ACTIVIST ROLE AT THIS POINT, OR AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE, TO ENCOURAGE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN CHILE, BOLIVIA AND PERU.
3. ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE POSTS' THOUGHTS IS WHETHER SUCH AN EFFORT ON OUR PART WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED AND GENUINELY APPRECIATED OR
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WHETHER IT WOULD BE DEFEATING OF OUR INTEREST IN SEEING

A SETTLEMENT OF THIS ANCIENT ISSUE.

4. OUR ONLY INITIAL REACTION TO EMBASSY LA PAZ' PROPOSAL IS THAT AT THE VERY LEAST THE ACTION ENVISAGED MAY BE PREMATURE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN FIRST GOP OFFICIAL REACTION. WE HAVE JUST NOW SEEN TEXT OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S

CHRISTMAS COMMUNIQUE SETTING FORTH ITS COMMENTS ON THE CHILE-BOLIVIA AGREEMENT, AND CLEARLY IT IS NOT FORTH-COMING. THIS INDICATES PROCESS OF DEVELOPING TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT MAY BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ONE, TOUCHING AS IT DOES ON MOST SENSITIVE ISSUES AFFECTING ALL THREE COUNTRIES.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE IN PARTICULAR EMBASSY LIMA'S JUDGMENT WHETHER OUR INTERCESSION IN THE PROCEEDINGS AT THIS POINT WOULD BE VIEWED WITH SUSPICION AS PRE-JUDICIAL TO PERU, WHICH IS VERY MUCH ON THE SPOT AT PRESENT JUNCTURE.

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